Safe drinking water in Assam

4707. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of safe drinking water facilities provided in rural areas of Assam during the Ninth Five Year Plan and the amount allocated for the purpose; and

(b) the details of rural areas which are likely to be provided with safe drinking water facilities in Assam during the next two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) and (b) The allocation for Central assistance under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) for the State of Assam and the provision under the State sector Minimum Needs Programme (MNP) for 1997-98 was Rs. 2438.00 Lakh and Rs. 6417.00 Lakh respectively. A provisional allocation of Rs. 2438.00 Lakh for 1998-99 under ARWSP has been made for the State of Assam. The MNP provision for 1998-99 is reported to be Rs. 6905.00 Lakh. The State Government reported that 1752 rural habitations have been covered with drinking water facilities during 1997-98.

Water supply is a State subject. Powers have been delegated to State Governments to plan and implement individual rural water supply programmes. As per the Action Plan prepared by the Government of Assam all the Not Covered and Partially Covered rural habitations of the State are to be provided with drinking water facilities during the Ninth Plan period, subject to availability of funds.

Drought Prone Area Programme in Rajasthan

4708. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of districts covered so far under the Drought Prone Area Programme in Rajasthan;

(b) the funds allocated by Government under this programme during the Eighth Five Year Plan, State-wise and spent year-wise in respect of Rajasthan; and

(c) the funds earmarked under the DPAP during the Ninth Five Year Plan, (State-wise) indicating the schemes proposed to be introduced in Rajasthan as per proposals received from State Government during the last two years till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) The names of the districts covered under Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) in Rajasthan are Ajmer, Bharatpur, Panaswara, Dungarpur, Jhalawar, Kota, Baran, Sawaimadhopur, Tonk and Udaipur.

(b) The statement indicating state-wise and year-wise Central assistance and funds utilised during the Eighth Five Year Plan under DPAP is annexed. [*See* Appendix 184, Annexure no. 119]

(c) The Ninth Five Year Plan has not yet been finalised by the Planning Commission.

Development of Wasteland and Wetland

4709. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to State:

(a) whether Government have sponsored any scheme for the development of wastelands and wetlands in the country;

(b) if so what are those schemes;

(c) the States where those schemes have been launched; and

(d) the financial allocation made and physical coverage under these schemes in those States during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) and (b) Department of

Wastelands Development is implementing the following schemes for development of non forest wastelands:—

(i) Integrated Wastelands Development Project (IWDP) scheme
(ii) Technology Development, Extension & Training (TDET)
(iii) Support to NGOs/VAs (Grants-in-Aid)
(iv) Investment Promotional Scheme (IPS)
(v) Wastelands Development Task Force (WDTF)

Ministry of Environment & Forests in implementing the following afforestation schemes for development of degraded forest lands:—

(i) Integrated Afforestation and Eco Development Project
(ii) Area Oriented Fuelwood and Fodder Project
(iii) Non-Timber Forest Produce including Medicinal Plants
(iv) Grants-in-Aid to Voluntary Agencies

Ministry of Environment & Forests is also implementing a scheme for conservation and management of wetlands. The main activities include data collection, survey, identification of problems, mapping, landscape, population abatement, equatic weed control, wild life protection, fisheries development and environment awareness

(c) The schemes are being implemented throughout the country where the problem of wastelands/ degraded lands is there.

(d) Physical and financial targets under various schemes of the Department of Wastelands Development and Ministry of Environment & Forest during the last three years is given in enclosed Statement I & II respectively. An amount of Rs. 165 lakhs, 182.11 lakhs and 138.34 lakhs was released to various States during 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 respectively for conservation of wetlands during the last three years.

Statement-I

Physical and Financial targets under various schemes of the Department of Wastelands Development for Development of Non-Forest Wastelands during the last 3 years

Physical in ha.
Financial in Lakh

Sr. No.	Name of the Scheme	1995-96		1996-97		1997-98	
		Financial	Physical	Financial	Physical	Financial	Physical
1.	Integrated Wastelands Development Project	176.66	58000	852.24	84000	3323.22	127000
2.	Technology Development, Extension and Training	200.00	2000	200.00	2000	800.00	3000
3.	Investment Promotional Scheme	200.00	400	100.00	100	100.00	500
4.	Grants-in-aid	300.00	4500	350.00	4700	400.00*	5300
5.	Wastelands Development Task Force Scheme	150.00	320	100.00	400	100.00	770

*Rs. 1.25 Crores has been transferred to CAPART.

Statement-II

Physical and Financial targets under various schemes of the Ministry of Environment and Forest for Development of degraded forest lands during the last 3 years

Physical in ha.
Financial in Lakh

Sr. No.	Name of the Scheme	1995-96		1996-97		1997-98	
		Financial	Physical	Financial	Physical	Financial	Physical
1.	Integrated Afforestation & Eco-Development Project Scheme (IAEPS)	4101.75	53345	3458.81	56501	1919.91	38616
2.	Area Oriented Fuelwood and Fodder Project	3400.00	63136	3613.24	77169	2957.53	76807
3.	Non-Timber Forest Produce including Medicinal Plants Schemes	1224.04	20407	1070.13	23855	749.96	977
4.	Grants-in-aids Schemes	150.00	—	149.99	—	140.79	

इंदिरा आवास योजना के अंतर्गत नियमों का उल्लंघन

4710. श्री ईश दत्त यादव: क्या ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या इंदिरा आवास योजना के अंतर्गत बिहार में, विशेष रूप से बेनीपुर और दरभंगा में गरीबी की रेखा से नीचे रह रहे लोगों को मकान आबंटित किए गए हैं;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि आवासों के निर्माण हेतु कुछ व्यक्तियों को ऋण प्रदान करने के लिए झूठी फाइलें बनाकर निर्धारित मानदंडों का उल्लंघन किया जा रहा है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में किसी जांच का आदेश दिया है; और

(घ) तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और ऐसी गतिविधियों की पुनरावृत्ति रोकने के लिए दोषी व्यक्तियों के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की गई है?

ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बाबागौड़ा पाटिल): (क) से (घ) राज्य सरकार से जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Self employment schemes for unemployed youths

4711. SHRI R. MARGABANDU: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the various self employment schemes available for unemployed youths in the country; and

(b) whether loan schemes free of interest can be made available without insisting upon immovable securities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) The Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment is implementing the following self employment schemes for rural poor Below Poverty Line (BPL) which include unemployed youth:—

(i) Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP)
(ii) Development of Women & Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA)
(iii) Training of Rural Youth for Self Employment (TRYSEM)